

## OPINION 795

ASTHRAEUS LAPORTE & GORY, 1837 (INSECTA, COLEOPTERA):  
VALIDATION OF EMENDATION TO *ASTRAEUS*

**RULING.**—(1) Under the plenary powers the emendation to *Astraeus* of the generic name *Asthraeus* Laporte & Gory, 1837, is hereby validated.

(2) The generic name *Astraeus* Laporte & Gory, 1837 (gender: masculine), type-species, by monotypy, *Asthraeus* (sic) *flavopictus* Laporte & Gory, 1837, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1742.

(3) The specific name *flavopictus* Laporte & Gory, 1837, as published in the binomen *Asthraeus* (sic) *flavopictus* (type-species of *Astraeus* Laporte & Gory, 1837) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2177.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1628)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. S. Barker in January 1964. Dr. Barker's application was sent to the printer on 8 May 1964 and was published on 16 October 1964 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 306–307. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to seven entomological serials. The proposals were supported by Dr. L. E. Koch and Dr. F. H. Uther Baker.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 16 June 1966 the Members of the Commission were requested to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (66)31 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 307. At the close of the required voting period on 16 September 1966 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—eighteen (18), received in the following order: China, Lemche, Holthuis, Brinck, Boschma, Vokes, Jaczewski, Sabrosky, Obrucsev, Binder, Uchida, Tortonese, Kraus, Mayr, Mertens, Forest, Alvarado, Evans.

Negative votes—one (1): do Amaral.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Hubbs, Munroe.

Commissioners Ride, Stoll and Bonnet returned late affirmative votes. Commissioner Simpson returned a late negative vote with the following comment: "It is silly to waste time on so trivial a matter with no possible confusion at issue. It will be endless if we start emending original spellings because we think the author had a different letter in mind or transliterated wrongly."

## ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Astraeus* Laporte & Gory, 1837, *Mon. Bupr.* **1** : 1, pl. 1, fig. 1  
*flavopictus*, *Astraeus*, Laporte & Gory, 1837, *Mon. Bupr.* **1** : 1, pl. 1, fig. 1

## CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (66)31 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 795.

G. OWEN EVANS  
*Secretary*

*International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*

W. E. CHINA  
*Assistant Secretary*

*London*  
*23 September 1966*